REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: The Joy Of Torture

Other Known Titles: Tokugawa Onna Keibatsu-Shi
Punishment Of The Tokugawa Women

Format: DVD

Director/Author: Teruo Ishii

Producer/Publisher: Not Stated

Country of Origin: Japan

Language: Japanese, with English subtitles

Applicant: Comptroller of Customs

Distributor: Not Applicable

Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Descriptive Note: Contains violence, sexual themes and content that may disturb.

Display Conditions: Nil

Date of entry in Register: 28 May 2007

Date of direction to issue a label: Direction to issue a label has not been given.

OFLC No: 700617

Unexcised version of publication:

	Components	Running time
Feature:	The Joy Of Torture	96.03
Total running time:		96.03

Excisions: No Excisions Recommended

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

Summary of reasons
for classification:

The DVD entitled *The Joy Of Torture* is classified as:
Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

This classification is because of the way the publication presents sex, cruelty and violence including sexual violence.

The publication contains a Japanese feature which was made in 1968, with a running time of just over 96 minutes. The feature contains three stories about torture in historical Japan, and focuses particularly upon women being tortured. The considerable focus on cruel and violent acts and the suffering of the victims is highly likely to disturb children and young teenagers. Adults are able to put the sexual and violent elements of the publication into the context of a dated exploitation movie. Therefore the publication is restricted to an audience aged 18 years of age and over. The restriction of the publication to adults is a reasonable limit on the rights and freedoms set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.